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Shell Chemical Corporation,  
Post Office Box 211,  
Torrance, California.

Gentlemen:

This Board adopted the accompanying joint report of the City Engineer and the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, relating to your request that the City accept ownership, maintenance, and control of the twelve-inch sanitary sewer in Vermont Avenue, between the City Boundary at Knox Street and the City Boundary at Del Amo Boulevard (formerly James Street).

Accordingly, you are advised that the said sewer may not properly be used as a public sewer to the substantial advantage of this City and therefore, the City of Los Angeles does not wish to assume ownership, maintenance, and control of the said sewer.

Respectfully yours,

*Walter W. Jones*  
Assistant Secretary.

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JOINT REPORT NO. 1

OFFICE OF THE CITY ENGINEER  
and  
BUREAU OF SANITATION

Los Angeles, California

September 16, 1957

To the Honorable Board of Public Works  
of the City of Los Angeles

Gentlemen:

1. RE: DEDICATION OF SANITARY SEWER IN VERMONT AVENUE BETWEEN A  
POINT 600 FEET SOUTH OF 190TH STREET AND DEL AMO BOULEVARD  
(FORMERLY JAMES STREET)

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C. D. NO. 15

TRANSMITTAL:

Communication No. 67,913 and sketch.

FROM:

Shell Chemical Corporation  
Post Office Box 211  
Torrance, California

REQUESTING:

The City to accept ownership, maintenance and control of a 12-inch sanitary sewer in Vermont Avenue between the City Boundary at Knox Street and the City Boundary at Del Amo Boulevard (formerly James Street).

RECITAL:

The communicant states that properties purchased by the Shell Chemical Corporation from the United States

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Government, April 25, 1955, included sewers located in Vermont Avenue as indicated in red on the attached Map Number YT 3479.

The City boundary is indicated in green on said map which shows the sewer in question to be located partly in Los Angeles City and partly in County Territory.

The communicant also states that this sewer was installed under provisions of Section 64.12 to 64.22 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code and was financed by the United States Government. At the time of completion of the sewer, it was understood that the line would become part of County Sanitation District No. 8. However, title to the sewer remained with the Government until Shell Chemical Corporation purchased the facilities.

Inspection of the sewer by the Bureau of Sanitation revealed that the manhole covers along the sewer line are not of City standard. Samples of sewage were analyzed by the Bureau of Standards, confirming a statement by the company that no industrial waste is being discharged into the sewer.

The sewer in Vermont Avenue was constructed by the United States Government to handle the wastes from rubber producing facilities as a war necessity. Now that these properties, including the sewer, are owned by the Shell Chemical Corporation the ownership, maintenance and control of the sewer in Vermont Avenue should remain with the Shell

Chemical Corporation, since this company is the sole user of said sewer.

Section 64.22.1 (c) of the Municipal Code reads as follows:

"Conveyance of Title to Right of Way - Public Sewer. In the event that the Federal Government and the other parties in interest, as mentioned in Section (b) above, shall offer to convey all their respective right, title and interest to any sewer constructed hereunder, including all necessary rights of way for sewer purposes, without cost to the City of Los Angeles, and if the Board finds that the sewer may properly be used as a public sewer, to the substantial advantage of the City, then the Board is authorized to accept said sewer as a public sewer at such time as the Council has accepted all necessary easements therefor and the parties in interest, above-mentioned, will be entitled to continue to use said sewer facilities without the payment to the City of any permit or other special fees or charges except those required by Section 64.15."

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That your Board advise the Shell Chemical Corporation that this sewer may not "properly be used as a public sewer to the substantial advantage of this City," and the City of Los Angeles does not wish to take over the

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ownership, maintenance and control of the sewer in Vermont Avenue between the City boundaries at Knox Street and Del Amo Boulevard.

2. That this communication be filed.

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Respectfully submitted,

LYALL A. PARDEE, CITY ENGINEER

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W. A. SCHNEIDER, DIRECTOR  
BUREAU OF SANITATION

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